



To LB840 Applicant:

CONGRATULATIONS on taking the first step to being awarded additional funds to help your business or event in Crete. The funds available for Economic Development, resulting from the citizen-approved sales tax increase that took effect April 1, 2011, are available first come to businesses, events and projects that meet the requirements of Crete's written Economic Development Plan, which can be found online at www.crete.ne.gov/vnews/display.v/ART/58fa7907ccebfc. A written copy is also available from the City of Crete Economic Development Director.

Please review the Economic Development Plan and confirm that your project or business is eligible. Applications may be recommended for funding in full or in part or may be denied based upon the review of the Board. Final decisions regarding funding will be made by the City Council but according to the terms of the Plan, in no event may the City Council fund any Application not previously reviewed and approved by the citizen Board.

In this packet you will find an Application for Funds, a US Citizenship Attestation Form and a Check List of required items. As you will see, the Application is detailed and requires significant information and additional verification documents. If you need assistance with the application please contact any Economic Development Advisory Board member. *If you have questions, please call the Economic Development Office, at 402-826-4312 or email the City Administrator, tom.ourada@crete.ne.gov*

Please note that the first portion of the application will be open to the public and may be provided to the City Council for final funding review. The balance of the application and all supporting documentation including personal financial information is confidential and will only be shared with members of the Economic Advisory Board for purposes of considering your application. All confidential records will be maintained in the office of the Economic Development Board and will be kept separately and not be available for review by the public. Any questions or concerns regarding this process shall be directed to the City Administrator.

All Applicants will be required to attend a public hearing for presentation regarding their request for funding. Public hearings will be held at least quarterly and may be held more frequently at the request of the Board. All Applications presented within the three months preceding a Public Hearing will be set for presentation and consideration at the same meeting. The Board may make a recommendation for funding at the public hearing, or may vote to table an application for further information, but in no event shall an application be tabled more than once so that all decisions will be made not more than three months after the initial public hearing regarding an application. There is no guarantee that a determination will be made less than three months after submission so all applicants are urged to make timely requests for funding if projects or events have set timelines.

Mail or deliver completed application with all supporting documentation and forms to:

**Economic Development Program Director
City of Crete City Hall
243 E. 13th Street, P.O. Box 86
Crete, NE 68333**

We look forward to working with you through the application process.
Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing Provider and Employer



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR FUNDS

Please Type or Print Clearly and Answer Each Question (If Question Does Not Apply – Mark N/A).

Please Note: The Information Contained in this portion of the document is Public Information and will **NOT** be Considered Confidential.

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name of Entity Applying for Assistance: The City of Crete

Business Address: 243 East 13th St Crete NE 68333
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Contact Person: Tom Ourada Telephone Number: 4028269758

Fax Number: _____ Email Address: tom.ourada@crete.ne.gov

Federal Tax ID Number: 47-6006154

Type of Entity: ☐ Start-Up ☐ Buyout ☒ Existing

If Existing, Number of Years in Business in Crete: _____

Business Classification: (Please Choose One)

<input type="checkbox"/> Retail	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/> Research & Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Headquarter	<input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications	<input type="checkbox"/> Tourism
<input type="checkbox"/> Warehouse/Distribution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Business Type: (Please Choose One)

<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> LLC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governmental Entity	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Does the Company have a Parent or Subsidiaries? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, Please List Name: _____

Address: _____
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Ownership Identification: Please List all Officers, Directors, Partners, Owners, Co-owners and Stockholders.

Full Name	Title	Ownership Percentage

Which type of assistance is the entity applying for?

☒ Grant ☐ Loan Guarantee If so, Lender? _____ ☐ Other

Explain: _____

What is the general purpose of the request (must be an allowed LB840/Economic Dev. Plan Project)?

☐ New Development ☐ New Business Startup ☒ Building Renovation ☐ Public Works
☐ Professional/Employee Recruitment ☐ Promotion/Tourism ☐ Job Training
☐ Working Capital ☐ Low - Moderate Income Housing ☐ Workforce Housing
☐ Technology ☐ Plan Management ☐ Technical Assistance ☐ Equity Investment

Does the business qualify to receive any incentives from the State of Nebraska? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ DK

Has the business applied for any incentives from the State of Nebraska? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Employee Information: (FTE = Full-Time Equivalent = 2,080 Hours/Per Year)

Number of Existing Full-Time Equivalent Employees: _____

Number of Full-Time Equivalent Positions to Be Created: _____

Will all of the Full-Time Equivalent Positions be Physically Located within the City of Crete, their Two- Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction or on Land Held in the Name of the City of Crete?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain: _____

Does the Company Employ Any Seasonal Employees? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, How Many: _____
 (Seasonal employees must work for at least three continuous months and the position must reoccur annually)

B. PROJECT INFORMATION:

Please provide a Brief Project Summary Description:

The City of Crete applied for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Department of Economic Development (DED) and has been awarded up to \$400,000 in funds. The City of Crete would like to request \$100,000.00 of LB840 funds for the local share costs.

The award is intended to leverage investments that will contribute to the revitalization or redevelopment of downtown infrastructure and develop a greater capacity for growth, addressing health and safety concerns and commercial revitalization within the business in downtown Crete.

Use of Funds	Total Project Cost	Econ Dev Funds Requested
Land or Building Acquisition	\$	\$
Renovation/Rehabilitation	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
New Construction	\$	\$
Machinery / Equipment Acquisition	\$	\$
Business / Employee Recruitment Activities	\$	\$
Technology Costs	\$	\$
Small Business Development	\$	\$
Working Capital (Includes Inventory)	\$	\$
Job Training	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$
Total Project Cost	\$ 400,000.00	
	Total LB840 Funds Requested:	\$ 100,000.00

C. FUNDING SOURCES AND EQUITY INJECTION:

If Borrowing, Name of Lender: _____

Loan Amount: _____ Loan Term (Years): _____

Amount Injected Into the Project by Business/Partners/Owners:

Other Funding Source(s) and Amount(s): _____

United States Citizenship Attestation Form

For the purpose of complying with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 4-108 through 4-114, I attest as follows:

☒ I am a citizen of the United States.

— OR —

☐ I am a qualified alien under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, my immigration status and alien number are as follows: _____, and I agree to provide a copy of my USCIS documentation upon request.

I hereby attest that my response and the information provided on this form and any related application for public benefits are true, complete, and accurate and I understand that this information may be used to verify my lawful presence in the United States.

PRINT NAME

Tom Ourada

(first, middle, last)

SIGNATURE

Tom Ourada

DATE

3/28/2025

1/19/2010

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LB 840 APPLICATION PROCESS

Next Step In Process

If application is denied, the applicant has the ability to appeal to the advisory board at a public meeting

Step 1

Applicant goes to Director with idea

Is applicant and project eligible?

No

Yes

Step 2

Application is submitted

Step 3

Director does a review & analysis of application

Is the application accepted?

No

Yes

Step 4

The applicant and Director enter into negotiations

Negotiations Not Accepted

Negotiations Accepted

May enter into Negotiations

Step 5

Application is presented to economic advisory committee by Director

Step 6

Application goes to public meeting and advisory committee executive session for financial determination and recommendation

Not Recommended

Recommend as Amended

Application Recommended

Step 7

Application goes to City Council

C. PROJECT LOCATION:

Within the Crete City Limits?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Within the Crete Two-Mile Jurisdiction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Land Owned by the City of Crete?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Not Located in Crete but for area benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

If Not in City Jurisdiction, please explain local benefit:

D. ATTACHMENTS: - Please Include the Attachments that Apply to Your Entity – **See checklist Page 5.**

Please Note: The Information provided pursuant to this Section **Will** be Deemed Confidential and will not be Available for Public Disclosure.

- Business Plan: Brief Description of the Business
- Resumes of all Owners/Co-Owners/Directors/Partners/Stockholders
- For Existing Businesses – Three (3) Yearly Financial Statements
- For Existing Businesses – Current Financial Statements (Less Than Sixty (60) Days Old)
- For Existing Businesses - List of Current Obligations (Include Company Names and Amounts)
- For Start-Up Businesses – Current Business Plan
- For Start-Up Businesses – Three Year Projections
- Tax Returns – Previous Three (3) Years – Personal Tax Returns May be Required for Proprietorship
- Letter from Lending Institution if applicable
- If a Corporation, LLC or Other Legal Entity - Copy of Organizational Documents (Articles, Bylaws)
- Please Note that Other Financial Documents May Be Required

E. APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

I certify that the information contained in this application and all attachments are correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I authorize the City of Crete or their contracted representative to check my credit and the credit of all who are listed within this application. I understand that I must update my credit information if my financial situation changes.


Applicant's Signature

3/28/25
Date

Checklist for Local Economic Development Program Application

For a qualifying business to be considered for direct or indirect financial assistance under the Crete Local Economic Development Program an applicant must provide to the City Administrator or Program Administrator:

- ☐ A completed and signed application with all required support documents including, but not limited to:
 - ☐ A detailed description summary of the proposed project which clearly states what assistance the business is requesting from the program, including evidence that the project qualifies for assistance under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act and is consistent with the goals of the Crete Local Economic Development Program.
 - ☐ Use of Funds – Total project costs and financing requirement; include copies of any preliminary bids (if applicable/available).
 - ☐ A review of key management and employees and their experience as related to the proposed project.
- ☐ Start Up Business
 - ☐ Current Business Plan for the project and the company, including employment and financial projections;
 - ☐ Three (3) Years Financial Projections
 - ☐ Past three years personal tax returns
- ☐ Existing Business:
 - ☐ Most Current Business Plan
 - ☐ Three (3) Yearly Financial Statements: Profit & Loss Statements, Cash Flows and Income Statements covering the last three years of business operation, or if a new business, personal income statements.
 - ☐ List of Current Obligations (include company Names and Amounts)
 - ☐ Past three years personal tax returns
- ☐ Letter from Lending Institution(s) (if applicable): Evidence of private financing commitments for investors or lenders.
- ☐ If a Corporation, LLC or Other Legal Entity - Copy of Organizational Documents (Articles, ByLaws)
- ☐ Resume(s) of all owners/co-owners/directors/partners/stockholders: Necessary entity or personal financial information about the Applicant(s), including name, address, past experience, work history, and related information.
- ☐ Other information or financial documentation as requested.

Questions: Contact City Administrator, Tom Ourada, at 402-826-4313 or email tom.ourada@crete.ne.gov. **Return** application and supporting documentation to City Administrator, at City Hall, 243 E. 13th Street, Crete, NE 68333